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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6058

BILL NUMBER: HB 1032

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2014

BILL AMENDED: Jan 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Redistricting Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Torr

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill has the following provisions:

Redistricting Commission- The bill establishes a Redistricting Commission to create, hold hearings on, take public comment about, and recommend plans to redraw General Assembly districts and congressional districts.

Commission Staff and Administrative Services- The bill requires the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to provide staff and administrative services to the Commission. It establishes standards to govern the Commission and the LSA in the creation of redistricting plans.

General Assembly Action- The bill also provides that if the Constitution of the State of Indiana does not require the General Assembly to establish legislative districts, the Commission's recommendations for legislative and congressional districts become the plans that define those districts. The bill provides that, if the Constitution so requires, the General Assembly must meet and enact redistricting plans before October 1 of a redistricting year. The bill authorizes the General Assembly to convene in a session to act on redistricting bills at times other than the times the General Assembly is currently authorized to meet.

Repealer- The bill repeals the current law establishing a Redistricting Commission for congressional redistricting.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Redistricting Commission-* The proposed Commission would

have four members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Senate Minority Leader, and House Minority Leader. A fifth member would be appointed by the Commission members, themselves. The fifth member would serve as chair. If a consensus were not reached on the appointment of the fifth member, then the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court would appoint the fifth member.

Commission members would be required, during a redistricting year, to hold at least one public hearing in the northern, southern, and central regions of Indiana. By August 1 of a redistricting year, the Commission would adopt and submit a redistricting plan for the consideration of the General Assembly. Commission members would be eligible to receive the same per diem and mileage reimbursement for their service as an interim study committee established by the Legislative Council. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to cover the Commission members' per diem and mileage reimbursement to operate will depend on future legislative and/or administrative actions.

Commission Staff and Administration- LSA would staff the Commission meetings. LSA would also produce maps, map descriptions, and receive and evaluate publicly submitted maps and comments on the Commission's behalf. The bill's requirements on LSA are within that agency's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency workload, staffing, and resource levels. The next redistricting year is 2021.

General Assembly Action- In a redistricting year, the General Assembly would meet to consider the Commission's redistricting plan recommendation and enact legislation before October 1. Given that action by the General Assembly must occur before October 1 in a redistricting year, a special session would likely be required to consider the Commission's recommendation. The following table presents a cost estimate for a six-day special session. However, since the bill does not specify the length of a special session, the actual cost would depend on future legislative action.

Estimated Costs for a Six-Day Special Session	
Legislators (150 total)	Six Session Days
Per Diem*	\$84,240
Travel**	\$15,663
Total***	\$99,903
<p>* Effective 10/1/13, legislators receive \$156 per diem for every day in session (including Saturday and Sunday) and \$62.40 per diem for every day not in session. The net effect on expenditures is an additional \$93.60 per diem for every day in session.</p> <p>** Legislators are entitled to mileage for one round trip per week while in session.</p> <p>*** The House and Senate would also incur an unknown minor amount of expense for temporary session staff (doorkeepers and other temporary staff).</p>	

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency; General Assembly.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: *Indiana House and Senate Journals Index, 2013 Regular Session.*

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